

PAROCYSTOLA ACROXANTHA MEYRICK (LEP.: OECOPHORIDAE) AT CAMBORNE IN CORNWALL — A single male of this species was recorded at the Rothamsted Insect Survey light trap at Rosewarne Experimental Horticultural Station, Camborne, Cornwall, (Site No. 114, O.S. ref. SW 642 411) on the night of 2/3.vi.1985 and was kindly identified by J. M. Chalmers-Hunt.

This species is probably an accidental import from Australia or New Zealand and has only previously been recorded from Devon (Jacobs, S. N. A. *Illustrated papers on the British Microlepidoptera* pp 117-118. BENHS 1978) and Somerset (Youden, G. H. *Ent. Rec.* 95: 103). This capture therefore constitutes an extension of its known range and a new county record for Cornwall.

The flight period is stated to be May to September, and it is probably bivoltine (Anon. *A Field Guide to the Smaller British Lepidoptera* p. 106. BENHS 1979, and Youden *loc. cit.*). This record is one of the few first brood examples noted to date. The larva is said to feed on *Eucalyptus* though I understand that wild larvae have not yet been found in Britain. The trap operator, Mr. W. Herring, informs me that *Eucalyptus* is grown there.

Thanks are extended to Mr. J. M. Chalmers-Hunt for identifying the specimen, Mr. B. Skinner for his advice and Mr. W. Herring for his continued and much appreciated help to the Rothamstead Insect Survey in operating the trap at Rosewarne. ADRIAN M. RILEY, Rothamstead Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. [An interesting account of rearing this species in Britain is given by Allen, A. A. (1979) *Proc. Trans. Br. ent. nat. Hist. Soc.* 12:58 — P.A.S.].

TROX SCABER (LINNAEUS) (COL.: TROGIDAE) AT M.V. LIGHT IN ESSEX. — It may be of interest to place on record the capture of two examples of the uncommon beetle *Trox scaber* (Linnaeus) at 125 watt m.v. in my garden at East Ham, South Essex, TQ 430828, on the night of 30th June/1st July 1985. *Trox* is an uncommon genus in Britain, represented by three species, of which *T. scaber* is apparently the more widespread. As an alleged feeder in birds nests it may be reasonably expected to be quite abundant throughout its range, yet the only other Essex record available at this Records Centre is the singleton taken at Warwick Wood, Aveley, South Essex, also at 125 watt m.v., on the night of 18th July 1984, and recognised on this occasion by my friend and former colleague Paul Hyman.

It is interesting to note the similarities between the general weather pattern on the two occasions, and that on both nights the trap also attracted migratory Lepidoptera such as *Udea olivalis*, *Peridroma saucia* and *Xestia c-nigrum*. Could it be that *Trox scaber* is a migrant?! — COLIN W. PLANT, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, Stratford, London, E15 4LZ.